

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

System and method for scheduling messages in a digital communications system with reduced system resource requirements. A preferred embodiment comprises a plurality of traffic queues (such as traffic queue 410) used to enqueue ~~message~~ messages of differing traffic types and a first scheduler (such as priority scheduler 430). The first scheduler ~~to select~~ selects messages from the traffic queues and ~~provide~~ provides them to a plurality of priority queues (such as priority queue 455) used to enqueue messages of differing priorities. A second scheduler (such as priority scheduler 475) then selects messages for transmission based on message priority, transmission opportunity, and time to transmit.